# THE NEXT PRESIDENT.

# Who Shall be the Nominee of the Democracy?

CHOICE OF THE STATE

43 ASCERTAINED BY THE TIMES CORPS OF CORRESPONDENTS.

## FORTY-FOUR COUNTIES

AND OVER TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR INTERVIEWS.

# DIVERSE OPINIONS,

BUT CLEVELAND AND TARIFF RE-FORM IN THE LEAD.

### PUBLIC OPINION CLEARLY FORESHADOWED

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Appreciating the great interest felt in the subject of the next Democratic Presidential nomination, The Times about two weeks ago sent out the following circular letter to its correspondents in every county of the State:
"Interview briefly and concisely three or

four of the representative Democrats of your locality as to their preference for the Demoeratic nomination of '92 and forward the result of your interviews to this office as early as possible."

In response to these replies have, up to this time, been received from forty-four countiesnearly half the State-two hundred and fortyfour interviews, sufficient to show unmis-takeably the drift of popular sentiment among Virginia Democrats. Of these 244 leading Democrats interviewed 125 are for Cleveland, forty-nine for Hill, and the rest are divided between Gorman, Palmer, Campbell, or some Western man."

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Mr. Oldham, Jr. clerk of Accomac County Court: "1. Grover Cleveland. 2. Because he believes and acts up to it, that a public office is a public trust." Because he so administered the office of Fresident that the South was made to feel that it was no less a part of the Union than was the North. Because he has proven himself the peer of any man in the country in qualities of leadership, statesmanship and executive ability. Because he loves his country and is honest. 3. I cannot tell what effect it will have on his nomination. Every honest man, it seems to me though ought to agree with Mr. Cleveland in the belief that every dollar ought to be worth a hundred cents."

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Thomas W. Russell, lawyer at Accomac Courthouse: "1. Cleveland, 2. Because I think he is the strongest and best of all the foremost Democrats or presidential aspirants.

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Dr. John L. Harmanson, Pungoteague:
"1. Cleveland, 2. Because he is a tried statesman, a thorough Democrat, and above all else, an honest man. 3. We plain people of the Democracy are not willing to have our party committed to free and unlimited coinage of silver. We want an honest silver dollar. Do not see clearly what is to be the effect of this silver policy, but we have an abiding confidence in the wisdom of Cleveland and in his sincere friendship for us. Of all men living we prefer him for our guide in his and other matters. We hope our leaders will not throw away our opportunity. They may be assured we have a sharp eye on them, and that we are sick, ad nauseum of political victories. that we are sick, ad nauseum, of political

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Robert L. Ailworth, chairman of North-ampton Democratic County Committee: "1. Am in favor of a Western man. Have always been a strong advocate of Cleveland, but kink now it would be suicidal to nominate him. 2. Because they are sound on the silver question. 3. I think that letter shelves Cleveland, as the overwhelming sentiment in the Democratic party is for free coinage of silver."

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John W. Gillet, Judge of Accomac County Court: "1. Any good and reliable Democrat who may receive the nomination of the party: provided the candidate is not taken from the State of New York; would prefer a sound and available man from the West—a Southern man being out of the question. 3. Am willing to support any Democrat who obtains the endorsement of his party in the nominating convention. Any opposition to a candidate from New York is owing to the factional fight between the friends of Cleveland and Hill, and my conviction that the nomination of a New York man would, as in 1888, cause the loss of that State and possibly of the Presidency. It is time in my opinion to convince New Yorkers that the Democratic party does not intend to submit longer to the sacrifice of success to their bickerings and corrupt trading of the interests of the whole party for local offices and patronage. 3. The letter referred to has my cordial endorsement as the enunciation of a sound and correct financial principle. However, judging from the expressions of opinion and the votes of Democratic Senators and Representatives in the Pifty-first Congress as exponents of Democratic Senators and Representatives in the Pifty-first Congress as exponents of Democratic Senators and Representatives in the Pifty-first Congress as exponents of Democratic Senators and Representatives in the Pifty-first Congress as exponents of Democratic Senators and Representatives in the Pifty-first Congress as exponents of Democratic Senators and Representatives in the Pifty-first Congress as exponents of Democratic Senators and Representatives in the Pifty-first Congress as exponents of Democratic Senators and Representatives in the Pifty-first Congress as exponents of Democratic Senators and Representatives in the Pifty-first Congress as exponents of Democ

unless a radical change of principle upon the silver question should take place in the Democratic party between now and the time of holding the nominating convention. Such change within the time designated will hot, as I think, occur, but it is bound to come later."

#### AUGUSTA COUNTY.

#### The County Believed to Be Overwhelmingly for Cleveland.

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Judge Hustings Court of Staunton, said in reply to the question: Who is your preference for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1892?

"I want Cleveland, and silver if we can get it: want Cleveland, and silver if we can get it: Why do you prefer Cleveland?

"I think he is the strongest, and therefore the best man—strongest and best because he is wise, honest and prudent."

What is the general sentiment here?
"Don't believe the people here are thinking of any one but Cleveland, because we want to know exactly what we are doing, and we know Cleveland."

Captain John N. Opie, chairman of the Democratic Committee of Augusta county, said: "I have none. I think Mr. Cleveland has hurt himself with the Farmers' Alliance in his silver letter. Don't believe the Farmers' Alliance will support a man opposed to free coinage. I believe the man in '92' will be from the West, but there is a long time between now and '92."

What is the general sentiment here?

"But for Cleveland's silver letter he would have undoubtedly been the choice of the Democrats in the South. I think the next earnpaign will be fought on the silver question."

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Armistead C. Gordon, Commonwealth's Attorney, said: "Cleveland, because he isn't afraid. He gave his party a policy on tariff, and I believe he will do a great deal to solidify them on the financial question. I consider his alver letter as adroit a piece of politics as has been seen in this country for many years. Samuel Tilden said of him: "He is the smartest politician in the State of New York," and it is true. The South is bound to vote for and support the Democratic party without regard to the nominee. The North and East are in favor of gold, the West has been Republican all along. New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and the South will elect a Fresident. Cleveland is the most available man in my opinion. He combines the two elements not often seen in public men—of being a statesman and a politician. The question as to any doubt about Cleveland is the most available man cleveland man, but do not know that he is now the most available man, on account of his silver letter. I have no second choice, and in my opinion the sentiment of Angusta county is for Cleveland, notwithstanding his silver letter."

Captain James Bumgardner, a leading atver letter."
Captain James Burgardner, a leading attorney of Staunton, said, "There is but one man who ought to be nominated, and but one man who can be elected, and that man is Grover Cleveland. The Democrats can elect the man they ought to elect, because he has been the clearest exponent of Democratic principles; because his view is "A public Gibes is a public trust," for the benefit of all the people. He has refused all temptations to violate his ideas of right and justice. He is honest, fearless, and dares at any time to express his honest convictions."

"Do you think his silver letter hurt him?"

"I don't know. His silver letter is right, and the people will so judge it when they calmly consider it."

George W. Cochran, member House Delegates, said: "Cleveland, because he has given us the best and cleanest administration in thirty years."

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Did his silver letter hurt him?

"For the present, I think it does, Don't think it will in "2."

Have you a second choice?

"Hill would suit me, I would not quarrel with him."

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sentiment here is overwhelmingly in favor of Cleveland.

# ALEXANDRIA.

#### Six Replies Met a Decided Preference for Cleveland.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Mar. 14.-Mr. M. B. Harlow, president of the Hendricks Club, said in reply to my question: "I think it too

said in reply to my question: "I think it too early to express an opinion."

Mr. Leonard Marbury, chairman of the Executive Committee of this district, answered: "I think Cleveland is the man of the people, Hill the politician."

Colonel Arthur Herbert, of Burke & Herbert, bankers, said he had no special preference, but as it now stands Cleveland is the man.

Mayor E. E. Downham, a Northern (New Jersey) man by birth, replied: "I have never considered or thought of a choice. I think the man must come from New York State, and from present appearances it lies between Cleveland and Hill."

Captain William H Smith says the sentiment, so far as he can see, is about evenly

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Mr. George Wise' is for Cleveland out and out, as is Captain K. Kemper and E. S. Leadbeater, Esg.

Mr. Samuel G. Brent, corporation attorney and leader of the young Democrats of this section, says he has no choice exactly, and is for any good Democrat, He, however, would prefer a Western man.

City Auditor E. F. Price said: "I am for Cleveland because he tried to bring the country up to the idea that a 'public office is a public trust,' and the South has in him an honest friend."

Mr. John Morgan Johnson says he's a Cleveland man.

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me."
Mr. L. M. Blackford, of the Espicopal High
School, is a pronounced Cleveland man, while
Dr. Harold Snowden, editor of the Gazette,
is anti-Cleveland, anti-New York State, with
leanings towards Gorman, of Maryland.
Tax-Collector Gorman is for Hill first.
Mr. John G. Beckham is worth quoting at
length. He said: "It is too early to form an
opinion, Mr. Cleveland has a strong hold on
his party, and was a magnificent Fresident. opinion, Mr. Cleveland has a strong hold on his party, and was a magnificent President, one who represented, as President, the whole country, and with great patrictism and good sense; but the Virginia Democrats will yote for the party nominee almost to a man. The attempt to pass the Force bill' made us solid."

# ALBEMARLE.

#### Cleveland the Favorite, Although His Prospects Injured.

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Mar. 14.—Presidential preferences are not easily stated. The strong current setting in a particular direction is current setting in a particular direction is missing, and the political waters are broken in political eddies which can be due only to counter currents. Until the Cleveland silver letter was written but one name was heard among the masses, though its utterance among mere politicians aroused no very great enthusiasm. But in this section the farmers want silver. In their great eagerness for the enactment of some such bill as passed the Senate they overlook all the questions at issue, though some of them are more important than silver legislation, and pass by the man they admire most among public mental or well, some other man.

they do not seem to know very well whom. They have concluded that if they cannot have Cleveland with silver, then Cleveland must be displaced by —; but that is as far as they go. No name has been mentioned.

I have not heard Hill's name mentioned with any confidence. "He is the smartest politician in the country," said a gentleman well known as a leader in this part of the State, "but smart politicians overreach themselves. While Cleveland's letter does his political future injury for the time, I admire him for having opinions and the courage to utter them. That sort of thing wins in the long run."

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"I am for Cleveland and his currency policy—for an honest man and honest money," said another. "I know of very few out-and-out Hill men."

Another leader here whose political sagacity is the subject of much praise among his friends is opposed to Cleveland uncompromisingly. To state the case in a sentence, Cleveland stock has never been in high favor among politicians here; it has always been at a high premium among the masses, but is not so high now as it was before the silver letter was published, and no other stock seems to have advanced correspondingly with Cleveland's decline.

John W. Woods: "If the free coinage of silver is made the principal plank in the Democratic platform, Mr. Cleveland will have to be shelved. If, as it should be, the revision of the tariff is made the principal consideration, I think Mr. Cleveland is the strongest man the Democrats could nominate. Of course his recent letter in regard to free coinage of silver puts him out of the race if that is made the fighting point, But I do not think it should he. The Democrats have commenced the revision of the tariff, and they should make the fight on that issue. If free coinage is even made a secondary consideration, and the revision of the tariff the first, then Mr. Cleveland is by far the strongest candidate. It looks to me as though Hill's election to the Senate is simply a stepping stone to Mr. Cleveland's nomination. Hill is in a manner side-tracked, but if the people wanted Hill, of course they could take him out of the Senate as well as out of the Governor's chair. I have no doubt but what Mr. Hill's views on the silver question are just as pronounced as Mr. Cleveland's, if he only had the courage to express them."

### BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

### Five Out of Six Representative Democrats for Cleveland. LAWRENCEVILLE, Mar. 16.—After nearly

forty days of clouds and rain the sun shines again. Bad weather and bad roads make themselves to be peculiarly felt in a small town. They keep away the people living within a radius of ten miles, mon which its business and social life largely depend. Such has been our condition within the period mentioned and little has occurred worthy of note. The outcome, however, is not to be wholly deplored as it has suggested and promoted the establishment of "literary clubs and reading rooms," which for the first ten days of its life has been the centre of attraction—gathering place for the discussion of news—questions of National, State and local interest by members, county people and visiting strangers. Here in this well lighted, warmed and furnished hall, with \$75 worth of the leading papers and magazines I have availed myself again. Bad weather and bad roads make

Cleveland. He said: "I favor Hill, because he can be elected, Mr. Cleveland opposed the farmers of Virginia on the repeal of the internal revenue taxes, and he now opposes them on the silver question, and many of them, I am sure, would deeline to vote for him."

Major Peter J. Otey, former member of the State Democratic Committee, now president of the Lynchburg and Durham railroad, said with some emphasis: "I am for Hill," but he declined to talk further on the subject, saying he really preferred not to be quoted.

Thomas W. Davis, Esq., former chairman of the party here, and a man of fine sense, said to The Times representative: "My preference is for Cleveland, but I am not 'against' anybody else. Still I do not want to see Cleveland nominated if there is any well founded doubt of his ability to be elected, as to which point I am not fully informed."

Ex. Mayor Manson said enthusiastically: "I am for Cleveland on every issue, on his civil service record; on his tariff message, on his anti-silver letter."

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Mr. W. A. Hefferman, chairman of the City Democratic Committee, said: "Hill, in my opinion, is the most available candidate. Furthermore, as the silver coinage question will be a conspicuous issue in the fight, Mr. Cleveland's pronounced views in favor of the gold standard render his nomination of doubtful expediency."

Mr. Thomas D. Davis, cashier of the Wise Banking Company, a student of public affairs, said: "Cleveland's nomination would be attended by grave doubts as to his ability to carry the election. Hill's nomination, I fear, would also invest the election with some doubt. Therefore it would, perhaps, be a safer plan to put both of these men aside and select a third. In any event the nomine ought to be a Democrat."

Major E. S. Hutley, one of our leading business citizens and life long Democrats was seen by your correspondent and responded as follows:

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"Personally, my preference for the Democratic nomination in 1892 is Grover Cleveland, but my judgment as a Democrat is that it is too soon to seriously agitate that question, as so many things may happen to cause a change before 1892. My preference as a Democrat is the nominee of the party believing as I do, that no man is 'bigger' than his party. The availability of the caudidate, in my judgment, mostly consists in his cordial acceptance of such a platform as his party in convention shall adopt.

"It would be very unpleasant to place a single standard 'Gold-Bug' candidate on a free silver platform, or a high-tax protectionist on a low-tariff plank. Tariff, coinage, and currency, economy in Government expenditures; free, full, and uncorrupted elections, will no doubt be the main issues. The Democratic party cannot antagonize the Farmers' Alliance, as the two organizations stand together on most of the leading questions of the day."

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY. General Expression in Favor of Free Coinage of Silver.
STODDERT, VA., Mar. 14.—Your correspondent interviewed the following prominent Democrats relative to the elections of 1892: Mr. Tucker C. Johnson said: "I have no preference for President. I am a strong ad-vocate for free comage of silver. Since Mr. Cleveland's silver letter, I don't think he stands a ghost of a chance for the nomina-



of an opportunity to address the following questions to some of our most representative

Among the leading men of the Demo

men:

Among the leading men of the Democratic party whom do you prefer for the Presidential nomination in 1892?

Judge D. S. Hicks, lawyer: "It will be a cause of regret, should the Democratic party allow the coinage of silver to be an issue in the next canvass. The tariff is the only vital question before the people, and upon it the battle ought to be alined and fought. I hope the legislation already had upon the Silver bill will remove it before the convention, \$54,000,000 proving enough for the business of the country. I agree with, and prefer Mr. Cleveland to all others."

Thomas Davis, Esq., teacher and scholar: "I am for the Democrat who can win. I am not in accord with Mr. Cleveland upon silver as indicated in his very manly and honest letter, but still he is my first choice. Free coinage is an experiment I admit, but one I would very much like to try.

John R. Shell, farmer: "Until Mr. Cleveland's silver letter he was foremost in my mind. I now prefer some Western Democrat. I rather think the Illinois Legislature has designated the coming man—Palmer. I want more money, and Mr. Cleveland is too closely allied with the money kings and monopolists of the Eastern cities."

P. J. Bostick, merchant: "I am for Mr. Cleveland every time and all the time. An honest man with courage of his convictions; a statesman whose ability I can trust, and a patriot who proved that personal ambitions had no weight in the scales when the good of his country had to be weighed."

Dr. Osborne, druggist: "I am for Cleveland against the field. I regard him as second only to Washington,"

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E. P. Buford, lawyer: "I am not well up on the silver question, but as at present advised I want more money. I am also not in accord with Mr. Cleveland's methods in civil service, but am willing to yield these questions for the sake of success. I prefer Mr. Cleveland as at present advised."

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The five or six gentlemen whom I have interviewed are representative men of the highest type, and I believe will be found to reflect the opinion of the county. Five out of six prefer Mr. Cleveland, and the memories of Confederate currency is an object lesson which nullifies, to a great extent, the "craze" which a cry of more money might create.

# CAMPBELL COUNTY.

#### Replies Show a Decided Preference for Senstor Hill, of New York.

LYNCHBURG, Mar. 14.-Mr. James M. Booker, vice-president of the First National Bank of Lynchburg, a close observer of political events, said: "My very decided preference is for Govenor Hill, though I have nothing in disparagement to say of any other, candidate. I prefer Hill, first, because he is the type of a Democrat that I like and again because in my judgment he is more certain to carry New York than any other man, and it is simply abound in my view of the matter, to

carry New York than any other man; and it is simply absurd, in my view of the matter, to talk about electing a Democratic President without the electoral vote of that State."

Mayor Yancey said briefly: "I do not favor the renomination of Cleveland, nor am I prepared to say that I favor the nomination of Hill. I want the man that can be elected."

Mr. James Hancock, a wealthy tobacconist, and a "hustler" in business, as well as politics, said, pointedly: "I am for Hill."

Captain J. C. Featherston, who farms in Bedford, but resides in Lyuchburg, is earnestly exposed to the renomination of Mr.

tion. In fact, I think his silver letter the blunder of his life. Until he wrote that letter I was an ardent admirer of him; and still believe him to be a great and honest man, but his views are not in accord with our interest."

Mr. F. Baker Blanton said: "I know less about politics than any one you know of, but will try to answer your question. My preference would have been for Cleveland if he had not come out against free coinage, I am for free coinage because it will make money more plentiful. I think Mr. Cleveland will lose votes on account of his letter, unless there is a change before "92."

Mr. H. N. Madison said: "In reply to your questions, I prefer Cleveland but for his views on the silver question. His platform is a good one with that exception. I now want a good alliance man for President, who will look to the interest of the working man and not to the money rings. I am for free coinage. I think Cleveland's silver letter will defeat him in 192."

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# APPOMATTOX.

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APPOMATTON, C. H., Mar. 11. - Editor Times --Your letter of the 7th instant received today. I have talked with a number of the day. I have tasked with a number of the representative Democrats of this county as to their preference for the Democratic nomination of '22. With hardly a dissenting voice Cleveland is the choice. His famous "silver letter" took them much by surprise, and at first many were disposed to feel that he was not in touch with the sentiment of the masses, but they now feel that, judging him by his past record, he is the best man.

### CHESTERFIELD SPEAKS. Cleveland the Preference if He Will Modify

#### His Silver Views. CHESTERFIELD COURTHOUSE, Mar. 17 .- Your

correspondent interviewed a number of Demcrats of this county as to their choice of a Presidential candidate for 1892, and the following answers were elicited:

G. E. Robertson, formerly county chairman: "I have no preference as to individuals, but prefer a man from the West."

Philip V. Cogbill, county chairman: "I have great faith in Cieveland, and am for him if he will agree to carry out the views of the Democratic party on the silver question. Otherwise, I am for a Western man: "M. A. Cogbill: "I have no personal choice, but am in favor of a Western man whose views are with the Democratic party on the silver question."

Dr. O. J. Cheatham: "Patwace, Holl, and crats of this county as to their choice of a

silver question."

Dr. O. J. Cheatham: "Between Hill and Cleveland, I am in favor of Mr. Cleveland, provided he will carry out the wishes of the Democrats relative to the coinage of silver. Otherwise, I prefer a Western man."

### CHARLOTTE COUNTY. Six in Favor of Cleveland and One in Pavor

KETSVILLE, Mar. 13 .- Dr. A. S. Priddy, county chairman of the Democratic party. says: "I am in favor of Hill for President in 1892 and Gray, of Indiana, for Vice-Presi-

Hon. H. Clark, Mayor of Keysville, says: I am for Cleveland in 1892." E. H. Jeffress says: "I am for Cleveland and

Gray."
W. F. Clark is for Cleveland.
John B. Faris says: "I am for Cleveland and

Pattison."

J. G. Priddy says: "I am for Cleveland for President and some Ohio man for Vice-Presi-

dent."
Major J. W. Morton says: "I am in favor of Cleveland regardless of his opinion on the silver question, as he is a statesman and by far the ablest man in the country to-day."

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Have you may choice as to the Democratic candidate for the Presidency at the next national election?

Mayor Collier: "Principles, and not menshould be the main motive of the Democratic party in this election; and the man, the exponent of these principles, should be a secondary consideration."

What are the leading principles which to your judgment should obtain?

Mayor Collier: "A revenue tariff with incidental protection, and a due regard to the interests of the farmers, who with the leading leases constitute the true wealth of the mation, free coinage of silver, at least until the experiment should demonstrate its wholesome or baneful effect upon the country, and the autonomy of the Stars, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Linted States."

What is your view of civil service reform?

Mayor Collier: "Civil service reform? Mayor Gollier "Civil service reform? Mayor Goller "Civil service reform as practiced is a delusion and and a snare. The party in power should select honest, capable and faithful officers from its own ranks, as no party organization that bestows its patronage on its neumes can maintain a successful organization. Magwumpism, in practices well as in name, is an unawory of the Star Compan of Mayor Gollier." I think well of Cleveland, but his views of silver coinage militates against his chances of election. Besides this, nothing is so successful as success, and his failure of election and and of the ranks of the Democratic party may be found others his equal in everything constituting fitness for the exalted position. Honor him as a man with the courage of his convictions and as President with a clean administration.

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Mayor Collier: "I think it should now. It ought not, however, be general. The statesman must view the situation as it is, and not as it should be. Prejudice is senseless, but there is in the North a prejudice that is potential in elections against the South, and although more than a quarter of a century has elapsed since the "late umpleasantness", yet the root of bitterness still flourishes and the wise man will eschew the "net stread in his sight." Give the Presidency and View-Presidency to the North and West, and the Speakership to the South is true statesmanship as well as practical polities at this juncture."

Do you favor instructing the delegates to the National Convention r.

Mayor Collier: "I do not, I would have the delegates to the National Convention after a full and free interchange of views from every State, may wisely nominate the candidates with the best prospect of success. The good of the party rises superior to all personal swell as local considerations, and as the good of the party is synonimous with the good of the country, my chiefest concern is for the success of the party in securing the Presidential office, and not in the sincess of the party is synonimous with the good of the country, my chiefest concern is for the success of the party is synonimous with the good of the country, my chiefest concern is for the success of the party is synonimous with the good of the country, my chiefest concern is for the success of the party is synonimous with the good of the country, my chiefest concern is for the success of the party is synonimous with the good of the country, my chiefest concern is for the success of the party is synonimous with the good of the country, my chiefest concern is for the success of the party; is synonimous with the good of the country, my chiefest concern is for the success of the party; is synonimous with the good of the country, my chiefest concern is for the success of the par

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# ESSEX COUNTY.

#### Democrats at Sea Since Cleveland's Silver Letter.

TAPPAHANNOCK, Mar. 11, 1891.

Yours of 9th instant requesting that 1 in-

terview three or four representative Democrate as to their preference for Democratic candidate for '92 to hand.

I have done as requested, and each one ex-Candidate for '92 50 famil.

I have done as requested, and each one expressed himself thus. Until Cleveland's silver bill expressions he was my choice above all men, but now I am at sea, and have no particular preference."

# Yours, respectfully, W. G. Jerraies, Cor.

DENNISVILLE SOLID FOR CLEVELAND. Dr. W. I. Halle is a Cleveland man and agrees with his silver letter.

Judge T. E. Blakev is for Cleveland in '92, unless he has been injured by his silver letter, but wants a man that can be elected.

E. W. Kreite is for Cleveland first, last and all the time.

# FAUQUIER.

#### Four Answers Equally Divided Between Cleveland and Gorman.

BETHEL ACADEMY, VA., Mar. I have interviewed some of the leading Democrats of this vicinity in regard to their prefer-

crats of this vicinity in regard to their preferences for presidential nomination in '92. Below I give the results of my interviews. Dr. Frederick Horner says: "I tavor ex-President Cleveland, because I believe him to be an honest man."

Professor E. S. Blackwell says: "It is difficult to say who would be the most desirable candidate. We want a man in favor of tariff reform and the free coinage of silver. Just now Senator Gorman is my preference."

Major R. A. McIntyre, professor of law in Bethel Academy, says: "I am for Cleveland, as I have always been. The only possible objection to him is his views on free coinage, and these are as they were when all Democrats supported him. That he is now consistent may be seen from his messages to Congress. As soon as the heat of the silver question is over I believe he will regain all former popularity, by reason of that true manliness which he has displayed under all circumstances."

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# FLOYD COUNTY.

# Three People for Hill and One Wishes Cleve-

FLOYD COURTHOUSE, VA., Mar. 14.-Editor Times-I have complied with the request in your favor of 9th instant. One gentleman de-

clared himself, from principle, unequivocally in favor of Cleveland.

Three others were for Hill. First, because he was in their opinion the man to win. Second, because he was a "Democrat" and

would "turn the rascals out." All of these three said, however, that they were for any one who could win, and one of them modified his choice for Hill by saying that he would rather have Gorman than any of them.

### GREENE COUNTY.

#### Four Replies-Cleveland Two, Hill One, Palmer One.

STANARDSVILLE, Va., Mar. 13.—I called at the law office of Field & Thomas and found Mr. R. S. Thomas, the junior member of the Mr. R. S. Thomas, the junior member of the lawfirm, and found him reading for the first time Tur Times' report of the election for J. M. Palmer to the United States Senate from Illinois and he was greatly rejoiced over it. To Tur Times reporter he said, in answer to an interrogatory, that David B. Hill, of New York, was his choice for the Democratic nomination for president in 1892.

Why do you prefer Hill: interrogated the reporter.

INDEPENDENCE, VA., Mar. 10.—Your correspondent interviewed some of the leading Pemocrats of this (Grayson) county relative to their choice for the Jemocrate nomination of 1892. The following is the result of his instantion.

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What about instructing the delegates to the convention: was asked by The Times correspondent.

Captain Lassiter: "I do not think the delegates should be instructed. My idea is that they should go to the convention untrammeled so that, with fuller information, they could act wisely for their constituents."

What have you to say, Captain Lassiter, about civil service reform?

Captain Lassiter: "I have really nothing to say on that subject."

Mr. J. F. McIlwaine, chairman of the Democratic City Central Committee, when asked for his views about the Democratic nomination for President, said: "Senator Gorman has more political acumen than any, I might say the balance, of our leaders. I would be willing for him to write our platform and name our candidate; and if he should decide to leave New York out of the question, I would be very well satisfied."

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What of his anti-free coimage views?
"I do not think his views on the coimage question will materially affect his strength in 1892. Even those who differ from him morn this question have such unbounded faith in his good sense and indgment on other matters of great public importance that they will yield him a cordial support. Resides, I do not think that the comage question will be an issue in 1892. The tariff is the question of supreme importance to the American people at this time, and will continue to be till settled upon the principle of "equal and exact justice toward all, injust discrimination in favor of none." In the Presidential campaign of 1892 this will be the overshadowing issue. Mr. Cleveland is the great champion of revenue reform in this country and it seems both fit and appropriate that he should be the leader of the Democracy in its contest for supremacy in behalf of that principle in 1892."

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"What do you think of his anti-coimage policy?"

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"I predict that when the silver question has been ventilated, like the tariff issue has been, and we understand it better, we will find him right again. He has written many public letters and documents, made public speeches. Ac.; point me, if you can, to one false step in them all. Every pop the black flys. The world never saw but few Grover Clevelands. I am for him, teeth and toe-nails."
Hon, J. W. Hackler, present representative from this county, said, upon being asked who was his choice for the Democratic nomination in 1892. "I was in favor of Grover Cleveland until I saw his letter on the silver question; now I am in favor of Thomas H. Bayard."
Mr. Robert L. Dickenson, an influential Democrat, says he is in favor of Cleveland against the world.

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# GLOUCESTER.

#### Democratic Sentiment Generally Opposed to Cleveland.

GLOUCESTER C. H., Mar. 18 .- Of two representative Democrats of Gloucester interviewed, one said:

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"I regard Cleveland as the pronounced favorite of the American people for renomination. His fearless honesty and integrity of character, his straightforward administration and his grand statesmanship all entitle him to the confidence and support of the Democratic party; and though not in sympathy with him on the silver question, I think the Democratic party should reflect gravely, and exercise the soundest judgment ere they repudiate the claims which entitle him to the confidence and support and gratitude not less of his party than of the American people. I am for the nominee of the party, whoever he may be; but I think the name of Grover Cleveland is the talisman of success."

No. 2 said as follows:

"Cleveland is not the man for renomination in '91. I don't think that New York is safe."